



## **U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Norfolk District**

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**JAMES N. THOMASSON, P.E.**

**Deputy for Programs Management**

**Chief of the Planning, Programs and Project Management Division**

As Norfolk District Deputy for Programs Management and Chief of Planning, Programs and Project Management Division, Mr. Thomasson is responsible for and provides leadership in establishing and maintaining the unity of coordination and effort (culture and processes) of all technical and support functions in the delivery of Civil Works, Military and Environmental projects and services to customers, sponsors and stakeholders in the district's assigned area of responsibility (AOR). As the senior civilian, Mr. Thomasson provides continuity of corporate leadership and represents the district commander.

### **Education**

Mr. Thomasson graduated from Vanderbilt University in 1965 with a Bachelor of Engineering, Civil Engineering and from Georgia Institute of Technology in 1967 with a Master of Civil Engineering, Transportation. Along with extensive technical and managerial training, his long-term training includes: University of Tennessee, Public Service Management Institute (Engineering and Management) and Office of Personnel Management, Federal Executive Institute

### **Experience**

Prior to joining USACE, Nashville in 1975 as Chief, Survey Branch, Mr. Thomasson worked for the Tennessee Department of Transportation and the Metropolitan Nashville Traffic and Parking Commission. He also owned and operated his own Engineering and Surveying firm. For thirteen years, he was an engineering instructor with the University of Tennessee. He served USACE in Israel, Europe and various long-term temporary assignments. Prior to coming to Norfolk, he was Chief, Project Management Branch responsible for over 1500 military projects with construction valued at \$4.5 billion. While in Germany, he taught at the Technische Hochschule at Darmstadt. From 1989 to 1998, he was the Chief, Engineering Division overseeing the design of major Civil Works projects and a complex military program.

### **Awards**

Mr. Thomasson's awards include: Meritorious Civilian Service Award, Superior Civil Service Award, Commander's Award for Civil Service (2 times), Achievement Medal for Civilian Service, Bronze de-Fleury Medal, Official Commendations with Monetary Awards (16 times), Exceptional Performance Monetary Awards (1980-2005), Europe Division's Award for Engineering Excellence and University of Tennessee's Teaching Excellence Award.

### **Memberships**

American Society of Civil Engineers, Fellow Member  
Society of American Military Engineers, Life Member (1992 President of the Hampton Roads Post)  
Project Management Institute (1987 President of the Europe Chapter)

## **Personal**

Mr. Thomasson and his spouse are residents of downtown Norfolk. They have two children and two granddaughters. His hobbies include maintaining a 1964 Egg Harbor wooden boat and supporting various community activities.